

FLORIDA

There were 34 catfish operations in Florida on January 1, 2003. Total water surface area was 660 acres, a decrease of 220 acres from 2002. Most of the acreage was for foodsize fish (590 acres) and fingerlings (45 acres). Total sales in Florida in 2002 were \$756,000. The majority of the sales were to processors.

UNITED STATES

Catfish growers in the 13 selected States had sales of 410 million dollars during 2002, down 8 percent from the previous year. The top four States (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana) accounted for 96 percent of the U. S. total sales. Nationwide sales of all foodsize fish decreased 8 percent from 2001 to 378 million dollars. Fingerlings and fry sales totaled 17.3 million dollars, a decrease of 27 percent from 2001. Sales of stockers totaled 12.6 million dollars in 2002, up 50 percent from the previous year.

By point of first sale, direct sales to processors accounted for 95 percent of the total sales of foodsize fish while 86 percent of the stocker sales were to other producers. Remaining sales were for recreational use, to live haulers, or for retail, government, or other uses.

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2003, totaled 187 thousand acres, down 5 percent from the 197 thousand acres used a year earlier. Of the total acres, 5.44 thousand are to be renovated during the period of January 1, 2003 to June 30, 2003. An additional 1.23 thousand acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2003. During the period of July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, the area taken out of production totaled 7.95 thousand acres. As of January 1, 2003, foodfish were produced on 152 thousand acres, fingerling producing acres totaled 25.1 thousand, and 4.83 thousand acres were being used for broodfish.

Catfish producers had 1.30 million broodfish on hand January 1, 2003, up 11 percent from January 1, 2002. Large foodsize fish (over 3 pounds per fish) on hand totaled 11.1 million on January 1, 2003, up 3 percent from a year ago. The number of medium foodsize (1.50 pounds to 3 pounds per fish) increased 20 percent to 128 million, while small foodsize fish (0.75 pound to 1.50 pounds per fish) numbers decreased 11 percent to 255 million. Large stockers (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1000 fish) on hand January 1, 2003, at 319 million fish, were up 3 percent from the previous year. Small stocker (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1000 fish) numbers increased 25 percent to 456 million. There were 990 million fingerlings on hand January 1, 2003, down 7 percent from January 1, 2002.

CATFISH: Water Surface Acres Utilization of Acres Jan 1, 2002 & 2003, and Acres Taken Out of Production
Jul 1-Dec 31, 2002, by State

State	Water surface acres		Utilization of acres, 2002			Taken out of production in 2001
			Reno- vated	New con- struction	Used for brood- fish	
	Jan 1 2002	Jan 1 2003				
AL	25,900	25,500	460	180	630	830
AR	38,000	34,000	800	*	650	1,000
FL	880	660	*	*	15	*
LA	12,100	9,900	530	35	170	1,350
MS	111,500	109,000	3,300	650	3,000	4,400
MO	1,800	1,400	90	65	55	55
Oth ^{1/}	6,580	6,285	263	295	310	315
Total	196,760	186,745	5,443	1,225	4,830	7,950

^{1/} Includes CA, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. * Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Number of operations and annual sales

State	Number of operations		Annual sales	
	January 1 2002	January 1 2003	2001	2002
Thousand dollars				
AL	240	231	69,965	76,045
AR	195	155	65,306	56,380
FL	45	34	1,327	756
LA	70	57	26,207	15,812
MS	395	405	260,852	243,226
MO	40	31	2,840	1,070
Oth ^{1/}	251	242	17,184	16,539
Total	1,236	1,155	443,681	409,828

^{1/} Includes CA, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of broodfish, January 1

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Thousands				
AL	70	380	360	1,280
AR	170	120	780	590
FL	5	3	33	21
LA	*	26	*	160
MS	800	700	3,800	3,300
MO	*	15	*	60
Oth ^{1/}	131	59	580	307
Total	1,171	1,303	5,553	5,718

^{1/} Includes CA, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. *Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of all foodsizes, January 1

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Thousands				
AL	66,450	82,300	88,600	110,740
AR	74,440	74,830	101,250	105,750
LA	20,740	19,800	29,080	29,700
MS	228,350	204,250	273,300	265,400
MO	2,125	3,500	2,860	*
Oth ^{1/}	12,349	8,652	18,924	19,513
Total	404,454	393,332	514,014	531,103

^{1/} Includes CA, FL, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. *Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of total stockers, January 1 ^{1/}

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Thousands				
AL	72,800	142,100	19,000	22,500
AR	115,300	120,200	20,450	24,850
LA	29,200	32,410	5,350	4,900
MS	447,400	464,000	105,400	109,300
MO	3,850	*	720	*
Oth ^{2/}	7,828	16,516	1,718	3,219
Total	676,378	775,226	152,638	164,769

^{1/} Total stockers: Over 60 lbs to 750 lbs/ 1,000 fish. ^{2/} Includes CA, FL, GA, IL, KY, NC, SC, and TX. *Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of fingerling, January 1 ^{1/}				
State	Total number of fish		Total liveweight of fish	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands			
AL	53,000	50,800	2,400	1,720
AR	197,000	131,000	3,850	3,880
FL	5,000	3,300	47	26
LA	55,800	30,800	1,980	1,120
MS	727,000	753,000	24,500	26,200
MO	*	4,040	*	90
Oth ^{2/}	28,600	17,223	955	639
Total	1,066,400	990,163	33,732	33,675

^{1/} Fingerling: Over 2 lbs to 60 lbs/1,000 fish. ^{2/} Includes CA, GA, KS, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. *Included in other states to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

CATFISH: Foodsize percent sold by outlet type, 2002					
State	Live-haul	Fee/Rec fishing	Process	Retail rest. & Fd. Stor	Other outlets
AL	0	1	96	1	2
AR	1	0	92	6	1
FL	*	0	97	*	*
LA	0	1	97	*	*
MS	0	0	99	*	1
MO	63	19	*	*	16
Wt.avg. ^{1/}	0.7	0.8	94.5	2.4	1.6

^{1/} Includes AL, CA, GA, KS, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. *Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Number sold, weight, and value of sales of all stockers								
State	Number sold		Total pounds sold		Total sales		Average value per pound	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands				Thousand dollars		Dollars	
AR	18,300	12,000	2,900	1,500	2,726	1,200	0.94	0.80
MS	42,400	78,600	3,530	9,680	4,059	9,196	1.15	0.95
Oth ^{1/}	4,773	6,494	2,159	1,918	1,633	2,197	0.70	1.15
Total	65,473	97,094	8,589	13,098	8,418	12,593	0.98	0.96

^{1/} Includes AL, CA, FL, GA, KS, KY, LA, MO, NC, OK, TN, SC, and TX.

CATFISH: Number sold, weight, and value of sales of all foodsize								
State	Number sold		Total pounds sold		Total sales		Average value per pound	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands				Thousand dollars		Dollars	
AL	60,000	75,000	115,000	142,000	67,850	73,840	0.59	0.52
AR	51,600	59,400	94,000	97,000	59,220	53,350	0.63	0.55
LA	29,000	18,200	40,000	26,600	24,800	15,428	0.62	0.58
MS	255,600	244,000	381,000	392,000	240,030	219,520	0.63	0.56
MO	1,010	350	2,180	765	1,984	635	0.91	0.83
Oth ^{1/}	9,690	8,845	15,279	15,378	16,803	15,688	--	--
Total	406,900	405,795	647,459	673,743	410,687	378,461	0.63	0.56

^{1/} Includes CA, FL, GA, KS, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.

CATFISH: Number sold, weight, and value of sales of fingerlings and fry								
State	Number sold		Total pounds sold		Total sales		Average value per pound	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands				Thousand dollars		Dollars	
AL	36,200	18,200	1,600	370	1,920	670	1.20	1.81
AR	123,800	64,000	1,900	900	3,249	1,440	1.71	1.60
FL	3,500	1,750	110	73	220	110	2.00	2.20
MS	805,700	417,600	10,200	10,350	16,320	13,559	1.60	1.31
Oth ^{1/}	38,145	16,482	796	535	2,108	1,560	2.74	2.98
Total	1,007,345	518,032	14,606	12,228	23,817	17,339	1.63	1.42

^{1/} Includes CA, GA, KS, KY, LA, MO, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.